

GREAT MERGER OF PACKERS IS BEING FORMED TO ECONOMIZE

Hawaiian Pineapple Company Reported Negotiating To Combine With Immense Coast Interests To Centralize Distribution

ALASKA SALMON PLANTS ARE INCLUDED IN DEAL

Also California Fruit Canners' Association, Central California Canneries and Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Shipping Agents

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 17.—J. K. Armsby, the Alaska Packers' Association, the California Fruit Canners' Association, the Central California Canneries, Balfour Guthrie & Co., shipping agents, and the Hawaiian Pineapple Company are negotiating a great merger involving many millions of capital, and the consolidation of some of the most powerful commercial and industrial interests west of the Rockies. Competition Too Keen

For some time past the companies concerned have been feeling the pressure of the competition which necessitated the upkeep of duplicate distributing plants in various sections of the country.

This was felt to be a burden entirely unnecessary could it be avoided, and the project of a gigantic merger which would take in all of the interests concerned and enable a consolidation of the distributing plants was taken up for consideration. Officials Are Silent

Officials of the various companies concerned were questioned last night but flatly refused to make any statement regarding the plans for a merger. They admitted that such negotiations have been making progress, but declined to give details.

VERIFICATION HERE NOT OBTAINABLE

Efforts made here last night after the receipt of the above despatch, to reach President James D. Dole of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, and other officers failed. W. J. Warrell, one of the company's officials, was reached at the Country Club but asked to be excused from making any statement. "You'll have to talk to Mr. Dole or L. E. Arnold, regarding such matters as that, for they are entirely outside my bailiwick," he said. Mr. Arnold was in the country and was not expected back until this morning, and Mr. Dole did not answer the telephone at either of his residences.

CONGRESSMAN SEEKS TO PUNISH BLACKLISTERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, August 17.—Acting upon the suggestion of a number of private interests in New York, Congressman Bennett of that state yesterday urged the house commerce committee to provide that criminal action be taken against the captain, owners and agents of any vessel refusing to accept American cargoes. The congressman urged this action as a form of reprisal against the British and French black lists.

BRITISH AND GERMAN WARSHIPS IN BATTLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) AMSTERDAM, August 17.—A despatch to the Telegram from Flushing last night declared that two encounters between British and German warships had been observed off Flushing Tuesday evening.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS FAVOR REVENUE BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, August 16.—With the Republicans unanimously opposing, the senate finance committee today ordered a favorable report on the revenue bill as amended. The measure is calculated to raise \$205,000,000 yearly by its provisions.

PHILIPPINE POLICY ASSAILED BY HUGHES

Attempt of Bourbon Administration To 'Scuttle' Flag Failed By G. O. P. Candidate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PORTLAND, Oregon, August 17.—Before an immense crowd Charles Evans Hughes, candidate of the Republican party for the Presidency, last night repeated his attacks upon the administration, taking the Philippine policy as his text for much of what he had to say.

He asserted that the whole attitude of the Democratic party toward the Philippines has been one of desiring merely to escape the right responsibility which belongs to the country and to the administration in power. He added that the party had ignored the question of national honor in a mad rush to avoid the trouble of solving the problems which the continued control of the islands involved.

"We were about to abandon the islands when the question of national honor intervened, and the administration changed its attitude. We had assumed obligations which we were bound to discharge faithfully and without looking for an opportunity to scuttle. Such an action would place the people of the Philippines in a serious predicament and one we had no right to place them in."

WASHINGTON EXPLAINS ITS DELAY TO CARRANZA

Note Tells Why Conference Has Not Been Rushed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The state department last night sent to General Carranza, first chief of the de facto government of Mexico, a note explaining why this country has been forced to delay the conference over questions between the two countries, now awaiting settlement. The note explained that the American commissioners had been named, but that two of them, one Associate Justice Brandeis of the supreme court and the other unnamed, had found it impossible to serve on the commission, and that it therefore was necessary to obtain two others to take their places.

DOWNFALL OF PERSIAN CABINET IS EXPLAINED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, August 17.—The Persian charge d'affaires, issued a formal explanation to the state department last night for the downfall of the Persian cabinet. He declared that the change in government has no significance for the Entente powers, but that the cabinet fell itself so closely hemmed in as to be incapable of real freedom of action, and so resigned.

SUBMARINES READY FOR DASH ACROSS ATLANTIC

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, August 17.—The Central News Agency correspondent at The Hague is responsible for the statement that the Germans have launched two additional submarines of the Deutschland type, which have been recently given their trial in Heligoland light. The correspondent adds that the vessels soon will leave for the United States.

GOTHAM STREET CAR MEN THREATEN NEW STRIKE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, August 17.—The temporary truce between the streetcar companies and their employees threatens to end today. Last night the union leaders notified the management of the lines that unless recognition of the union was given by the companies the employees have resolved to strike again immediately.

BRITAIN WILL INSIST ON REPARATION FOR FRYATT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, August 17.—Premier Asquith, in a statement to the house of commons yesterday, declared that the government is resolved not to tolerate any resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany after the war until "proper reparation for the deliberate murder of Captain Fryatt has been made."

INFANTILE PARALYSIS TOLL STILL GROWING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, August 16.—Yesterday the health authorities reported an increase again in paralysis cases. Thirty-nine deaths and 163 new cases were the total for Tuesday and today's figures record thirty-four deaths and 113 new cases.

SUPPLIED BY ALL CHEMISTS

Physicians prescribe Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years, and no home is complete without it. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

STRIKE SITUATION STILL DEADLOCKED OVER MAIN ISSUES

Result of Negotiations Between Railway Managers and Employees Depends On President

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE OVER PROPOSAL PENDING

Both Sides Mark Time While Members of Big Committee Assemble In Washington

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The outcome of the negotiations now underway in the effort to avert a strike of 450,000 railroad workers throughout the country, admittedly depends on the plan which President Wilson will submit to the committee of 640 he will meet today.

The President spent much of his time yesterday in drawing up this plan, which is being kept secret until such time as he may announce its provisions. It is reported, however, that it is mainly an attempt on the part of the chief executive to meet the greatest stumbling block in the way of a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between the men and the managements of the railroads—the eight-hour day and time-and-a-half for all overtime.

Several phases of the plan, it was admitted yesterday, would remove the only serious obstacle to the harmonious agreement both sides appear to be seeking.

It was reported in official circles last night that the President expects to meet the committee this morning and explain the working of his plan, and appeal to the patriotism of both sides to avert the industrial warfare that threatens the country with a tieup of practically all of its transportation lines.

The developments in the situation were few. Both sides marked time awaiting the arrival here of the members of the big committee, but the railroad managers here held a conference. All Phases Are Discussed

Many phases of the situation were discussed but the chief topic was the proposal to establish a permanent commission with power to act on all wage disputes in the future. Nothing was made public officially regarding the deliberations of the conference.

The President is keeping in close touch with both sides and is said to have worked out a plan whereby the railroads grant the men's demands for an eight-hour day and reserve of internal issues to be investigated by a federal commission to be appointed later.

It is presumed that should the railroads concede the men's demand for an eight-hour day, the brotherhoods may modify their stand on the overtime issue.

In the meantime negotiations have been halted, as the brotherhood chiefs backed the plan to come to any final decision without first submitting the proposed basis for settlement to the different unions.

LABOR'S ATTITUDE IS MADE CLEAR

Recent statements made by Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port at New York, made plain the attitude of the brotherhoods in their demands upon the railroads for the eight-hour day and the time-and-a-half for all overtime. Mr. Malone said:

"The railroad operators should realize that stupid lack of economic supervision to handling this problem will do more to aid agitation for government ownership of railroads than anything the advocates of government ownership could accomplish."

The railroad companies say that \$1,500,000,000 represent the wages paid to employees of the railroads of America each year, but they fail to tell the public that there are 1,800,000 employees, which means that each man gets about \$833 a year, which is less than the cost of living.

W. S. Storer, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was one of the speakers at a recent meeting. "The 148 railroads of this country are controlled by sixty-five directors," he declared. "They, in turn, are under the dominance of sixteen banks and these sixteen banks are in the hands of three Wall Street interests. These men, constituting perhaps a directing group of twelve, all are located on one short block in Wall Street."

"These men are dictating the manner of living to 100,000 employees of the railroads and thereby to a certain extent influence the lives of 7,000,000 persons dependent on these railroad men."

"These men have a right to an eight-hour day. They have the right of decent living, to pass a reasonable part of their lives with their families."

CUBAN SUGAR COMPANY DECLARES BIG DIVIDEND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, August 16.—The Cuban American Sugar Company today declared an extra cash dividend of ten per cent and a forty per cent stock dividend on the common, in addition to the regular quarterly two and one-half per cent disbursement by the company.

EARL WEDS AN AMERICAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, August 16.—Earl Cottonham was today married to Patricia Burke, daughter of the late J. H. Burke of California.

COUNTERFEITERS DRIVEN TO COVER

Plant For Manufacture of Million Dollars In Treasury Notes Found In Staten Island

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, August 17.—The United States secret service last night brought to a successful conclusion an exciting chase after counterfeiters, which balked a well considered plan for the distribution of a million dollars in spurious currency.

Eight men were arrested in the raid of the government sleuths in the Staten Island rendezvous of the counterfeiters.

Their modern outfit for manufacturing bogus certificates of the United States Treasury was seized by the officers.

WORK ON HUGE NAVAL PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The navy department has begun its plans for making effective the various provisions of the new appropriation bill, which provides for the expenditure of \$588,180,567 during the next three years in bringing the fighting unit second only to that of Great Britain.

Several minor details were left out of the original bill in its final passage through the national assembly.

The increases call for the construction of 157 warships within the next three years and bringing the enlisted personnel up to 74,700 men.

CRUISER ABANDONED ON JAPANESE COAST

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, August 16.—The Japanese second-class cruiser Kasagi, which went aground on the reef at Oshima, has been abandoned by the waves and is now broken in two parts. The naval authorities have given up hope of saving the ship.

The Kasagi was built in the Cramp shipyard at Philadelphia in 1898. She was an armored cruiser of 4900 tons, with a speed of twenty-two knots. The cruiser carried two eight-inch guns.

She is a sister ship of the Chitose, which was built in the same year by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco.

TURKEY PLANS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALL ARMENIANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, August 17.—In Armenian circles here the flat refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit American relief supplies to enter Syria, and the announced intention of the Constantinople government to abolish the patriarchate, which has had the religious administration of the Armenian church, is taken to mean that the Ottoman authorities are planning a campaign to consolidate the Turkish regime while weakening the Armenian and other racial elements in the Turkish empire.

TEMBLOR SHAKES MANY CITIES IN SOUTH ITALY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, August 16.—A severe earthquake shock visited the Italian provinces of Ancona, Pesaro and Rimini, according to a Rome despatch. No damage is reported from Ancona, but many houses were wrecked at Pesaro and many inhabitants are thought to be buried in the ruins. The damage at Rimini was also extensive and many lives are feared to have been lost.

CHOLERA APPEARS IN BIG JAPANESE MINE

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, August 16.—Cholera which started from the steamer Hawaii Maru at the port of Yokohama, has now attacked the Takashima coal mine, one of the largest coal mines in Japan.

Board of health authorities are fighting the disease, but cannot check it yet. At the city of Nagasaki there were 109 new cases and thirty-nine deaths.

BANKER MORGAN FLOATS BIG LOAN FOR GREAT BRITAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, August 16.—It was announced today that the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., financial representative in the United States for Great Britain, had successfully negotiated a quarter-billion-dollar loan for his overseas client. Great Britain has deposited \$300,000,000 worth of securities to cover the loan.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

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JAPAN ANGERED BY CHINESE ATTACKS

People Demand Immediate Repatriation From Peking Government For Improvoked Assault

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, August 16.—When news of the violent action of Chinese soldiers at Cheng-chia-tun against the Japanese garrison reached this city, the nation's indignation reached a high point. The government is urged to make strong protest to China.

DETAILS OF ATTACK STIR WRATH OF ALL JAPANESE

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, August 16.—Particulars received regarding the conflict which took place between a Chinese force of 500 and the Japanese garrison of 100 stationed at Cheng-chia-tun say the trouble started with the killing of a Japanese merchant named Noda by the Chinese soldiers stationed there. When the report of this reached the Japanese police authority, Officer Kawase was sent to investigate, but he was also killed by Chinese soldiers. An appeal was made to the headquarters of the Japanese garrison stationed there for the protection of the Japanese railroad. Lieutenant Mateno, who commanded the garrison with ninety soldiers, hastened to the place. While they were on the way they were fired on by the Chinese force. Commander Mateno was among the first to fall, severely wounded and two other soldiers under his command were killed, and five men wounded.

When this was reported to headquarters of the Japanese Manchurian garrison at Mukden, one battalion of Japanese soldiers at Tich-Ling and one company at Shu-ho was ordered to hasten to Cheng-chia-tun to meet the Chinese.

A long conference was held between the commander in chief of the home army, General Ueyama and General Oshima, minister of war, this morning according to the telegraph report from the commander of the Japanese Manchurian garrison at Mukden.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO GARRISON OF JAPANESE

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, August 16.—A Japanese battalion and cavalry regiment with two machine guns were hastened to Cheng-chia-tun by orders of Mukden headquarters. They arrived early this morning, but the Chinese force disappeared as soon as the news of coming Japanese soldiers reached them. All Japanese residents are returning to their homes.

KUHIO WHARF WILL GIVE FULL VALUE

Hawaii Consolidated Railway May Install Three Conveying Machinery Units

The harbor board yesterday authorized its chairman Charles R. Forbes, to take up the proposition made to the board by the management of the Hawaii Consolidated Railway, Ltd., which offered to install three conveying machinery units on the Kuhio wharf at Hilo, in order that the full value of the wharf may be obtained at once. It is likely, said Mr. Forbes, after the meeting, that the proposal will be accepted in full, and the railway company authorized to go ahead with the installation immediately.

The railway management made the work on the new piers, eight, nine and ten, may be held up for a time owing to the shortage of cement in the Territory. There are now less than 1400 sacks of cement on hand. Capt. William Matson, of the Matson Navigation Company, has promised the board to send cement down by the Lurline, in an effort to relieve the situation as soon as possible.

The question of paying for the extra work which has been done by the contractors on the new piers was also taken up by the board, and went over until the next meeting. As was explained some time ago in The Advertiser the contractors found that in driving the piling for the piers they were stripping off a section of the ledge upon which the piers are to rest. In order to hold this ledge in place it was necessary to build a concrete retaining wall. This will cost \$14,007.50 additional. The board probably will authorize the extra expenditure.

SENATORS VOTE FOR PHILIPPINE MEASURE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The senate today, by a vote of thirty-seven to twenty-two, set its seal of approval on the Philippine bill as reported from the conference committee, with the Clarke amendment, which provided for the independence of the islands within four years, eliminated. The measure as approved, however, carries the promise that whenever the Filipinos have demonstrated their ability to maintain a stable government their wishes will be granted.

ALL EUROPEAN BATTLE FRONTS ARE IN FLAMES WITH ALLIES GAINING

Fighting Suddenly Shifts In Intensity From East To West, Where Entente Forces Are Making Another Tremendous Thrust At German Lines, While Balkans Flare Vividly

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

PARIS, August 17.—One of the lightning-like shifts of the center of interest by which the great war has been marked took place yesterday. The Russians, reported the day before striving with every nerve to capture or crush the army under the command of General Count von Bothmer, appeared to have done little, while the Western Allies launched without warning another desperate attack at the lines of the Germans north and south of the river Somme.

Also there has been some important fighting in the Balkans, and the French and British, aided by the reconstructed Serbian army, have won four villages and the important railroad station of Doiran, with other parts of the front north of Salonika, since the first of this month, according to the official statement issued by the French war office last night.

Italy Near Break With Germany

On the Carso plateau, where the Austrian and Italian forces are locked in a fierce struggle for the possession of the vital positions around Trieste, the only development of importance pointed to the speedy breaking out of formal warfare between Italy and Germany. Although at war with Austria, Italy has declined to declare war upon Austria's allies, the Germans, and Berlin also has refrained to date from lending assistance to Austria in her struggle with the Latins.

Yesterday, however, this state of affairs appeared to be on the point of changing. Despatches from Milan declare that Germany had already sent troops to take over the defense of Trieste against the advancing Italians, from the Austrian armies, which are said to have been badly shattered by the defeat at the hands of the Italians of the latter took the city of Gorizia and forced the Austrians to abandon the bridgehead leading over the Isonzo river.

Germany Sends Special Troops

No confirmation of this report has been received from other sources, and military authorities are withholding any expression of opinion pending verification of the report. It is apparently certain, though, that the Teutons are bending every effort to hold to the city, which is the strategic port of the Adriatic, and vital to the continuance of Austrian control of the Italian coast. The Milan despatches declared that the German general staff is sending specially equipped German troops to defend the city from the Italian attack.

In the meantime the Latin rush continued yesterday, according to the official statements issued by the war office at Rome. East and southeast of Gorizia the Italians have battered the defense of the Austrians to bits, and have captured a number of towns and positions, together with a large number of prisoners. A squadron of Italian and French aeroplanes flew over Trieste yesterday and dropped bombs upon the city, inflicting much damage. The French aeroplane was reported lost.

British Attacks Are Successful

The attack on the German positions north of the Somme was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment. This rapidly grew in intensity until the fire was terrific, deluging the German lines with a rain of high explosives. Then came the infantry attacks against the shattered trenches of the Teutons.

In almost every instance these were successful, and with night came the announcement from the headquarters in the field that the British had taken nearly three miles of trenches to a depth of from 300 to 500 yards.

The French, striking with equal force, had driven the Germans back in the vicinity of Belloy en Santerre, south of the Somme, taking trenches three-quarters of a mile wide and capturing a considerable number of prisoners.

North of the river the Allies were successful in their effort to flank the towns of Clerly and Maurepas. This they managed to do in both instances on both sides, so that the towns are practically isolated and their defenders are encircled.

Road To Comble Dominated

The British attack was pressed home north of Maurepas until the troops of Sir Douglas Haig reached and captured the road leading from Maurepas to Guillemont. This advance if maintained will give the Allies in that sector practical control of the road to Comble, and will bring them to the town itself soon. Comble is an important railroad center, and necessary to the support of the German lines in this neighborhood.

There was also heavy fighting in the sectors of Fleury and Thiaumont, Vaux and Chapite wood, north of Verdun, the bombardment being particularly severe by both sides. No changes were reported there. The French reported minor gains, and the British despatches told of repulses administered to the troops under the command of General Petain.

In the eastern theater of the war the struggle continued unabated, although apparently there were no important developments, to judge by the statements made in the official communiques issued from Petrograd, Berlin and Vienna. The fate of the army under General Count von Bothmer remains undecided, although the reports mentioned heavy assaults upon positions held by his lines.

Petrograd issued a significant statement last night. General Nicholas

DEATH OF JAPANESE WAS HIS OWN FAULT

"Tatsuki Kurihara, a Japanese, who was struck and killed by a locomotive at the Honolulu Plantation Company's crossing at Aiea, Monday night, came to his death as the result of his carelessness." This was the verdict rendered by a coroner's jury at Aiea yesterday.

Several witnesses testified that on the day of the accident Kurihara had been drinking heavily and in a stupor fell across the track and remained there until the train struck him.

Antone Cabral Chana, engineer of the train, said at eight o'clock at night he noticed someone on the track and blew the whistle. When satisfied that Kurihara was making no attempt to move, he applied the emergency brakes and reversed, but slippery roads caused the engine to slide.

Kurihara was forty-nine years old and a native of Japan. He is survived by a son residing in Ewa.

PRINT PAPER DUTY FREE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, August 17.—The revenue bill, which has received the approval of the senate Democrats, carries a provision placing print paper costing less than five cents a pound on the free list.

GOING IT TOO HARD

People live so fast nowadays that they tear down their tissues faster than nature can build up. It fills the blood with waste matters and uric poisons. The kidneys struggle for awhile to filter the blood, but finally weaken and "go on a strike."

When your back begins to ache, you feel blue, nervous and tired, and notice kidney and bladder irregularities. Rest and help the kidneys if you would avoid dropsy, gravel or fatal Bright's disease.

To rest the kidneys, shun overwork, worry, late hours, overeating, and strong drinks. Rest more, sleep more and get some outdoor exercise. Walking is good.

To help the kidneys, use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They act quickly. They are harmless and do lasting good. Thousands vouch for them.

"When Your Back Is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50c a box (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the H. B. Smith & Co., or Benson, Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.